

**MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE OFFICES & CRIMINAL JUSTICE
JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
Room 220, Senate Building, Utah State Capitol Complex**

January 20, 2010

Members Present: Sen. Jon J. Greiner, Co-Chair
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Co-Chair
Pres. Michael G. Waddoups
Rep. Douglas C. Aagard
Rep. Richard A. Greenwood
Rep. Steven R. Mascaro
Rep. Curtis Oda
Rep. Jennifer M. Seelig
Rep. Larry B. Wiley

Members Absent: Sen. Benjamin McAdams

Staff Present: Steve Allred, Fiscal Analyst
Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst
Steve Jardine, Fiscal Analyst
Jennifer Eyring, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Rep. Hutchings called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to prioritize the list of 4% reductions for FY 2010. He invited input from the audience and Department and Agency representatives.

Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst, introduced a spreadsheet prepared by staff that prioritizes the 4% reductions for FY 2010. He also handed out an unprioritized list of 5% reduction options for FY 2011. This was prepared as a starting point for the committee.

Steve Allred, Fiscal Analyst, explained the State Treasurer - Staff Reduction item.

Lance Davenport, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety, and Joe Brown, Finance Director, Department of Public Safety, answered questions about the Liquor Law Enforcement Nonlapsing Balance item.

Art Brown, President, MADD, clarified where Beer Tax funds are allocated and how the Liquor Law Enforcement program is funded.

Mr. Davenport and Mr. Brown continued the discussion of Public Safety reductions. Liquor Law

Enforcement reductions and staff levels were explained further. The reduction to the Driver License Nonlapsing Fund Balance is a result of using restricted account funds instead of general funds. The reduction in the DNA Specimen Account will not reduce the rate of specimens taken, but will increase the time for the information to be added to the database.

Nanette Rolfe, Director, Driver License Division, discussed the effect of documentation requirement changes that came into effect this year, and how those changes are being handled by the Division. To expedite customer service, the Division would like to create temporary positions to help with documentation. It was also stated that the ability to serve customers has increased with time, and that as the public becomes more aware of the additional documentation required to renew a license, wait times have decreased. A letter and brochure are sent out to individuals before their renewal deadline which explain the documentation required, along with the website and phone numbers that can be used for additional information. The committee was given a copy of the brochure. Questions from the committee were addressed. Committee members stated that the public has been very concerned about the changes.

Joe Brown clarified that the listed budget reduction for the Driver License Division can be made for FY 2010 by using nonlapsing funds.

MOTION: Sen Greiner moved to take the Public Safety - Driver License Nonlapsing Balance item, and move it to the bottom of the reduction priority list. The motion passed unanimously with Pres. Waddoups and Sen. McAdams absent for the vote.

Sandy Naegle, Fiscal Manager, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, and Steve Allred answered questions concerning the Governor's Office - Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice DORA (Drug Offender Reform Act) program reduction.

Dave Walsh, Deputy Director, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, noted that the oversight of the DORA program will be able to continue with this reduction from the General Fund.

Tom Patterson, Executive Director, Department of Corrections, stated that they have been very fiscally cautious over the past two years. Because of this, the Department feels that the Corrections - Program and Nonlapsing Balance amount of \$7,285,900 can be returned to the General Fund, but maintained that the Corrections - Discretionary line item of \$2,200,100 would cut programs and personnel. Mike Haddon, Deputy Director, Department of Corrections, clarified that the Program and Nonlapsing Balance item reductions have come from savings in the Department. Additional questions from the committee were discussed.

President Waddoups expressed concern that because many of the FY 2010 reductions have come from nonlapsing funds, furloughs, or one-time money, additional reductions will still need to be found for FY 2011. He encouraged staff and departments to use a more long term approach and asked staff to provide options for long term reductions.

Art Brown, President, MADD, discussed the EASY (Eliminating Alcohol Sales for Youth) program. This program has been funded with one-time money from the General Fund. He suggested that the committee consider appropriating money from the Driver License Reinstatement restricted account to fund the program long term. Rep. Hutchings asked the staff to follow up on the idea.

Dan Becker, State Court Administrator, responded to questions about the reductions for FY 2010. He stated that the rate of hearing cases has slowed some this year due to increased workload and fewer employees. Criminal cases have a higher priority than civil cases. The Department prefers to not close any courts, but if the current reductions were to become permanent, they would need to cut personnel.

Dave Walsh explained the CCJJ - Jail Reimbursement reduction. This reduction will not have an impact on the program because one employee is leaving and the workload will be handled by remaining staff.

MOTION: Sen. Waddoups moved to adopt the FY 2010 4% Reduction list as currently prioritized. After further discussion, and clarification from Dan Maldonado, Director, Division of Juvenile Justice, the motion was approved unanimously with Sen. McAdams absent for the vote.

Steve Allred asked the committee to look at the 5% FY 2011 budget reductions in preparation for the next meeting.

MOTION: Sen. Greiner moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously with Sen. McAdams absent for the vote.

Rep. Hutchings adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Sen. Jon J. Greiner, Co-Chair

Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Co-Chair